

Sinclair Broadcasting is apparently mandating that their station air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election, without a pro-Kerry documentary to bring balance to their stations' coverage. This is just one more proof of the dangers of media consolidation.

Whatever happened to the requirement for stations to operate in the public interest, convenience and necessity? Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The airwaves belong to the public, and the FCC's stewardship is vitally important in protecting the public's interest. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.